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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [redacted] [redacted]

Pursuant to your request the following is a chronological account of events developing subsequent to the telephone call I received from General Trudeau at approximately 5:00 p.m. last evening. In our conversation General Trudeau informed me that he understood a CIA official was departing last evening for Fort Benning, Georgia, for the purpose of interviewing seven people stationed there. He advised that this information had been brought to his attention by the Commanding General of the Third Army who had asked General Trudeau if the CIA representative possessed authorization and clearance to talk to the individuals concerned. General Trudeau stated that he had no information as to the purpose of this trip or the name of the CIA representative. He said that he understood the CIA official's name began with the letter "B". General Trudeau also stated that if this trip was for the purpose of legitimate business he would be very happy to cooperate and issue the necessary clearance but that it was a matter that he was completely unfamiliar with and he wished to have a few more facts on which to base his decision.

After numerous phone calls to various persons in the Agency I finally learned that the CIA official planning to make the trip to Fort Benning was [redacted] of the Office of Training. Through Matt Baird and [redacted] I obtained the following details which I relayed to General Trudeau at approximately 6:20 p.m. last evening:

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[redacted] had written a letter to the Regimental Commander of the OCS Regiment at Fort Benning stating that he planned to be at Fort Benning on a specified date for the purpose of talking to several of our Junior Officer Trainees who are presently in OCS training. [redacted] letter asked if the date set for the visit would be convenient and advised that he would meet our trainees either on the post or off the post at the discretion and convenience of the Commanding Officers of the school and the Regiment. This letter procedure is in accordance with arrangements made by Major [redacted] with the Commanding Officer of the school and Regimental Commander in a personal visit down there last March. This type of procedure

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Messrs. Wisner and [redacted] have been advised
of the contents, per [redacted]

has been followed for the past three years in connection with visits to trainees of ours in basic training and OCS, both at Fort Knox and Fort Benning. The purpose of these visits is merely to check with our people and see how they are getting along in general. No matters of intelligence as such are involved. I also explained to General Trudeau that these arrangements are based on previous basic authorities obtained some time back from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and from the Department of the Army.

After I had passed the above information to General Trudeau he expressed his satisfaction and stated that he would see that the Commanding General of the Third Army was promptly advised that our man was cleared to talk to the individuals he wished to see.

At about 2:30 p.m. today I received a call from Colonel Pope, Pentagon Extension 73048, who advised that he was in General Trudeau's office last night at the time of my conversations with General Trudeau. Colonel Pope informed me that General Trudeau had requested him to ascertain from which office of the Army the confidential orders covering our people are issued. Colonel Pope stated that this was merely so General Trudeau could inform General Bolling, Commanding General of the Third Army, of the facts in the case. I told Colonel Pope that I did not know off-hand which office issued the orders but that I would find out and let him know. Since talking to Colonel Pope I have learned the following additional information from [redacted] who has custody of a rather complete file on all of our arrangements with the various services for the confidential training of our people. [redacted] cited to me the following basic authorizations and agreements under which we work with the Department of Army:

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In a letter to General Walter B. Smith, then Director of Central Intelligence Agency, dated 23 June 1951 General George C. Marshall, then Secretary of Defense, authorized CIA to work with the respective service branches on the implementation of a training program for selected CIA employees to obtain military training.

In a letter dated 14 July 1951 General J. E. Hull, then Vice Chief of Staff for the Army, transmitted to General Smith CIA's copy of the basic training agreement between the Department of Army and CIA.

[redacted] also cited to me as an illustration one of the orders written on one of the JOT's now in training at Fort Benning. The order is classified Confidential and its subject is [redacted]

[redacted]; a reference is cited which is [redacted] (8 Oct. 1951). This appears

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to be a basic authority document given to the Adjutant General's Office on the basis of which they are authorized to issue the confidential orders for our people under this program. It should be noted that this order was addressed to the Commanding General of the Second Army but that the Commanding General of the Third Army was shown on the distribution list as also receiving a copy of the order.

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[redacted] also advised that he had today received a letter dated 1 July from the S-2 of the Staff of the Infantry School Commandant saying that they are expecting [redacted] on the 14th and 15th of July and will have interviewing rooms set aside on the base for his use in talking to our personnel.

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I owe Colonel Pope a telephone call to let him know that the confidential orders pertaining to our personnel under this training program are issued out of the Adjutant General's office of the Army.

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[redacted]
Assistant to the Director

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Subsequent to dictating the foregoing, [redacted] returned a call I had left for him and advised me that the only person in the Adjutant General's Office who was fully cognizant of the confidential orders concerning our trainees was a Major Daigle on Pentagon Extension 55228.

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After receiving [redacted] call I returned the telephone call to Colonel Pope. I informed Colonel Pope that the confidential orders were issued by the Adjutant General's Office and that Major Daigle was the person to contact there if he desired further information on the subject. I also pointed out to Colonel Pope that the ~~that the~~ Commanding General of the Third Army had been on distribution for copies of these orders. Colonel Pope seemed to be quite satisfied and stated that the information I had furnished him was all he needed.

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